

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT; CREATING A TECHNICAL ADVISORY
3 COMMITTEE FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL.
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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

6 Section 1. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED--
7 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE. --

8 A. The "wastewater technical advisory committee"
9 is created. The committee shall consist of five members to
10 be appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the
11 secretary of environment. The members shall include:

12 (1) a wastewater treatment system engineer
13 with at least ten years of experience in wastewater system
14 design and construction;

15 (2) a faculty member from a university or
16 college located within New Mexico with a minimum of a
17 master's degree in biological science, microbiology, soil
18 science or engineering, and with a minimum of ten years of
19 work or academic experience with wastewater treatment or
20 wastewater treatment facility management;

21 (3) a representative from the New Mexico
22 state university water utilities technical assistance
23 program;

24 (4) a class IV certified wastewater
25 operator with at least ten years of experience; and

1 (5) a representative from the New Mexico
2 home builders association.

3 B. The term of appointed members shall be three
4 years. Members shall serve until their successors are
5 appointed. Vacancies occurring in the membership of an
6 appointed member shall be filled by the secretary for the
7 remainder of the unexpired term.

8 C. The committee shall conduct open meetings as
9 needed, but not less than quarterly.

10 D. The department of environment shall provide
11 technical and legal assistance to the committee as needed.

12 E. The committee shall:

13 (1) establish procedures, practices and
14 policies governing the committee's activities;

15 (2) provide standardized objective
16 evaluation of wastewater treatment and disposal technologies
17 for both large- and small-flow domestic, commercial and
18 agricultural wastewater systems and submit its findings to
19 the secretary for final approval by the secretary, who shall
20 add the wastewater treatment and disposal technologies to
21 the list of approved technologies maintained by the
22 department, including the ground water quality bureau and
23 the liquid waste program of the field operations division of
24 the department of environment and their constituent
25 agencies; and

1 (3) maintain a current list of approved
2 wastewater technologies accessible by the public on the
3 department's internet site.

4 F. Members of the committee shall receive
5 reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of
6 their duties pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act and
7 shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or
8 allowance. Expenditures for this purpose shall be made from
9 the budgeted funds of the department. _____

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